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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

In further response to the action mailed January 9, 1998, please add the following claim:

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--31. (New) A hook for a hook and loop fastening system comprising:

a base;

a stem connected at its lower end to the base, the stem having an outer side and an inner side;

a crook having a first end and a hook tip, the first end connected to the stem, the crook projecting upwards from the stem and then downwards towards the base in a substantially smooth curve ending at the hook tip;

the hook having a width, a height, and a displacement volume, wherein displacement volume is the volume of a rectangular parallelepiped having a bottom plane, first and second side planes, first and second end planes and a top plane; the bottom plane orientated parallel to the base and tangent to the hook tip, the top plane parallel to the base and tangent to the top of the hook at the point where the crook achieves its maximum distance from the base, the side planes laying in the plane of the sides of the hook; the first end plane perpendicular to the bottom plane at the point where the bottom plane intersects the stem at its outer side, the second end plane perpendicular to the bottom plane and tangent to the outermost portion of the hook tip;

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